

Ten Walks at the Edge of Las Vegas: Emily Silver

McKinley Arts and Culture Center – **East and West Gallery**

November 3, 2014 – December 12, 2014

Reception: 5 – 7pm November 6, 2014



McKinley East and West Galleries host recent work by Emily Silver. *Ten Walks at the Edge of Las Vegas* is about the edge between city and nature. In 2010 Silver walked the outer circumference of Las Vegas, to the best of her ability, in three mile segments. Each segment was recorded through intuitive maps, soil samples, rocks, discarded objects, snapshots, painted color swatches and a journal style narrative of the walk. All of this taken together with printed maps and satellite images served as reference for the ten paintings made in the studio. The Rorschach-like forms of these works describe the dual nature of Silver's out and back walks as well as the physical edge of Las Vegas. Silver asks what is empty space, what is full space and how does one's experience of a space shape the understanding of our surrounding area.

Raised in Colorado, Emily Silver earned her MFA in Painting at San Francisco Art Institute (2007) and her BA with Distinction in Studio Art at Stanford University (1973). Her exhibition history includes solo shows at The Springs Preserve in Las Vegas (2010); Metro Gallery in Reno (2004); and The Painting Center in New York (2002). Silver's honors include an artist residency award at Playa Summer Lake in Oregon (2014); Best of Show at Morris Graves Museum of Art (2010); and Cadogan Fellowship from San Francisco Foundation (2006). Since 2013 she has served on the board of directors of Humboldt Arts Council in Eureka, California. Silver currently lives and maintains a studio in Ferndale, California, teaches Drawing and Watercolor at College of the Redwoods, and spends as much time as possible in the desert filling the well for her drawings and paintings.

<http://emilysilver.com/>

McKinley Arts and Culture Center hosts two gallery spaces. Located on the river walk, McKinley Galleries East and West show talented artists from the Great Basin and beyond. To learn more please visit: <http://renoculture.com>

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